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## **DETERIORATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS IN ACADEMIC LIBRARIES: THE EXAMPLE OF TWO COLLEGES OF EDUCATION VOL. 3 NO. 2**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*Deterioration of library materials in academic libraries was carried out in two academic libraries in Delta state with sample size of 38 library staff. Questionnaire was used for data collection while frequency count and percentage used for data analysis. Results reveal that materials are deteriorating in academic libraries. Textbooks deteriorate more than fiction and reference materials. Newspapers and project works deteriorate more than other serials. Books and non-book materials deteriorate more than other library materials. Identified causes of deterioration of materials include environmental biological, chemical, human and disaster factors. The study therefore, recommends among others advice from experts or centers on the control and types of insecticides to use on insects, provision of conducive and appropriate storage equipment for library materials, keeping library materials away from direct rays of sunlight, adequate funding of libraries, enhancement of security system and installation of fire detector.*

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